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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16 - 19, 21 - 24 and 26 - 28.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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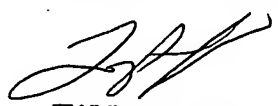
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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9. ☐ Other _____.


TWYLER LAMB
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 7/26/2007, and has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 16 – 19 and 21 – 28** are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments (*see Remarks 7/26/2007 [page 7] and Remarks 2/1/2007 [page 7]*) with respect to **claims 16 – 19 and 21 – 28** have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of these claims have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Melvin Robinson on 9/13/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

4. **Claim 16:** A computer-implemented method for signature-by-signature editing of print data, the method being performed by a computer executing a computer program

having a data structure stored on a tangible computer readable medium, comprising the steps of:

editing the print data for printing on a web-shaped recording medium in a logical page sequence corresponding to at least one signature, said at least one signature forming a section of a printed product and including a plurality of pages;

defining at least one parameter of said recording medium on which the print data are printed and that is relevant for a position of a print image on the recording medium folded in signatures;

implementing a position correction of the respective print image on the pages before printing dependent on said at least one parameter; and

computationally simulating folds of said recording medium needed for producing said at least one signature with assistance of the [[a]] computer program so that the print images of successive pages of the folded signature lie exactly registered above one another, the folds ensue in two directions perpendicular to one another, and said position correction ensues in the two directions perpendicular to one another, the print data being provided on said recording medium, said step of computationally simulating performing simulating of the folds of the signature for said position correction; and

calculating correction values for the print image of a page from an influence of each fold on a print image of at least one page;

said simulating step simulating the folds for said position correction page-by-page with ascending or descending page number, and

forming pairs of successive page numbers that due to the signatures at least one of: come to lie on one another as a result of a fold, and between which a fold is provided due to the signature.

5. **Claim 21:** A printing system, comprising:

at least one computer; and

a printer device connected to said at least one computer;

a computer program including a data structure stored on a tangible computer readable medium and executable by said at least one computer for implementing steps of:

editing the print data for printing on a web-shaped recording medium in a logical page sequence corresponding to at least one signature, said at least one signature forming a section of a printed product and including a plurality of pages;

defining at least one parameter of said [[a]] recording medium on which the print data are printed and that is relevant for a position of a print image on the recording medium folded in signatures;

implementing a position correction of the respective print image on the pages before printing dependent on said at least one parameter; and

computationally simulating folds of said recording medium needed for producing said at least one signature with assistance of the [[a]] computer program so that the print images of successive pages of the folded signature lie

exactly registered above one another, the folds ensue in two directions perpendicular to one another, said simulating folds being implemented page by page, and

said position correction ensues in the two directions perpendicular to one another, the print data being provided on said recording medium.

6. **Claim 24:** A computer program product including a computer program as a data structure stored on a tangible computer readable medium and executable on a computer for implementing steps of:

editing the print data for printing on a web-shaped recording medium in a logical page sequence corresponding to at least one signature, said at least one signature forming a section of a printed product and including a plurality of pages;

defining at least one parameter of said [[a]] recording medium on which the print data are printed and that is relevant for a position of a print image on the recording medium folded in signatures;

implementing a position correction of the respective print image on the pages before printing dependent on said at least one parameter; and

computationally simulating folds of said at least one sheet needed for producing said at least one signature with assistance of the computer program so that the print images of successive pages of the folded signature lie exactly registered above one another, the folds ensue in two directions perpendicular to one another, and said position correction ensues in the two directions perpendicular to one another, said

simulating folds being implemented page by page in ascending or descending page sequence, the print data being provided on said recording medium.

7. **Claim 25: CANCELLED**

8. **Claim 26:** A computer on which a computer program product stored on a tangible computer readable medium and having a data structure that is executable on the computer is loaded into the computer to perform the steps of:

editing the print data for printing on a web-shaped recording medium in a logical page sequence corresponding to at least one signature, said at least one signature forming a section of a printed product and including a plurality of pages;

defining at least one parameter of said recording medium on which the print data are printed and that is relevant for a position of a print image on the recording medium folded in signatures;

implementing a position correction of the respective print image on the pages before printing dependent on said at least one parameter; and

computationally simulating folds of said recording medium needed for producing said at least one signature with assistance of the [[a]] computer program so that the print images of successive pages of the folded signature lie exactly registered above one another, the folds ensue in two directions perpendicular to one another, and said position correction ensues in the two directions perpendicular to one another, said

simulating folds being implemented page by page in ascending or descending page sequence, the print data being provided on said recording medium.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

9. ***Claims 16 – 19 and 21 – 24 and 26 – 28*** are allowed.

Referring to **claims 16, 21, 24 and 26**, the innovative limitation that distinguishes the Applicant's claim is automatically performing position correction of shifts page-by-page of pages to be printed on a web-shaped recording medium (see *Remarks 7/26/2007 [page 7, lines 14 – 25], Remarks 2/1/2007 [page 7, lines 4 – 18] and Remarks 2/9/2007 [page 6]*).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Myles D. Robinson whose telephone number is (571) 272-5944. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler M. Lamb can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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